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Strategy for Success in Iraq from President Bush Long Overdue

Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) issued the following statement on the President's upcoming address on Iraq at a time when public doubts increase about the direction of the war.

"The elevating insurgency in Iraq is troublesome, as is the evident lack of a long-term strategy for success in a war that has now extended two years after the President declared 'mission accomplished.' Political progress certainly has been achieved in the election of the Iraqi Governing Council and in the movement toward drafting a national constitution, but continued unrest and security challenges are threatening that progress and taking an incredible toll in both American and Iraqi lives.

"The time is long overdue for the President to be forthcoming about the goals in Iraq and to lay out a strategy for success that includes benchmarks to be used in determining when those goals are met so our troops can complete their mission and return to their families. Our support for them, after all, should extend beyond the equipment and intelligence we give them to include a level of planning to meet their level of sacrifice and ensure their success."